

January 16, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Protem Gary Hatfield presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn, Gerald Burgess and Howard Stegall. Mayor Lewis was absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Mrs. Evelyn Melton, representing the VFW, met with the Council asking for an extension on the date of removal of their present building.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to extend the date to March 1, 1979. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

A request to solicit was presented to the Council from the Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Church. Howard Dunn made the motion to allow soliciting by this church. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. Two opposed - Raymond Pruitt and Howard Stegall. Mayor Protem Hatfield voted for.

Mr. Glenn Wallace made a presentation to the Council regarding insurance coverage for City vehicles. Raymond Pruitt made the motion to carry additional insurance on the 1969 and 1977 fire trucks with the additional premium being \$616. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Wylie Pennell and Mr. Tom Henderson of Lone Star Gas met with the Council requesting the rate increase of 13.66%.

Howard Dunn made a motion to request an additional thirty day delay in giving Lone Star Gas Company an answer on their request for a rate increase. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner was instructed to present figures regarding the rate increase at the next meeting.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to approve the National Surety Bonding Company as the Bonding Company presented by Lone Star Gas. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to approve payment of dues of \$137 to the East Texas Council of Government. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Burgess made a motion that the City request from Texas Parks and Wildlife that the boat ramp originally requested for Lake Canton be transferred to the City Lake Park. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Stegall made a motion to purchase a load of street patching material. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Dunn made a motion authorizing the City to hold an Arts and Crafts Show June 16-17, 1979, on the First Monday Grounds, and also authorizing \$400 for advertising. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Burgess made a motion authorizing the City Office permission to publish a monthly paper to be distributed on the First Monday Grounds regarding activities to be held on the First Monday Grounds and articles relating to vendors. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion authorizing Gerald Turner to advertise for bids on material and labor in regards to the surface of the tennis courts. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

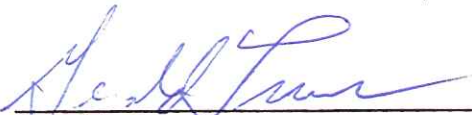
The Council also requested Gerald Turner to secure figures on enclosing the tennis courts with a ten foot fence.

Howard Dunn made a motion to purchase a new copy machine from Pitney Bowes for the City Office. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

February 12, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in an emergency meeting at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess, Gary Hatfield. Howard Dunn was absent.


Raymond Pruitt made a motion to advertise for bids to drill an 8 inch water well complete with a test hole. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

There was no action taken in the Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

February 20, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Gerald Burgess, Howard Stegall, Raymond Pruitt and Gary Hatfield. Howard Dunn was absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

The Council recommended Gerald Turner send a registered letter to the VFW indicating March 1, 1979, to be the deadline for removal of building. The City will take possession of any remaining structure after that date.

Mr. Wylie Pennell and Mr. Tom Henderson of Lone Star Gas met with the Council to discuss the rate increase.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to accept a six step structured plan and authorizing Mayor Lewis to sign an ordinance stating the acceptance to become effective on the next billing. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion authorizing Gerald Turner and Gerald Burgess to spend up to \$3,000 for iron ore gravel for improvement on the streets on the First Monday Grounds. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Burgess made a motion to call an election on the first Saturday of April and to secure Mr. Foy Riley, Mrs. Eunice Travis and Miss Carlye Mae Wallace as election judges. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids on the concrete slab for a pavilion were opened. Howard Stegall made a motion to award contract to M. J. Lewis Concrete Company at \$1.45 per square foot. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

There were no bids to be opened on painting tennis court.

Dr. Bone presented additional information to the Council regarding painting of the tennis courts.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to erect a ten foot fence on each side of the tennis courts at an additional cost of \$2,045. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council recommended that Raymond Pruitt, Bill Bone and Gerald Turner compile some rules and regulations regarding the tennis courts and present at the next regular Council Meeting.

An application was presented to the Council from Mrs. Lillian (Gerome) Watson to solicit her Watkins Products within the city limits. Henry Lewis recommended Gerald Turner check her background and Gary Hatfield made a motion to approve this application if check was satisfactory. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. Three for - Gary Hatfield, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess - one opposed - Raymond Pruitt.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

February 22, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

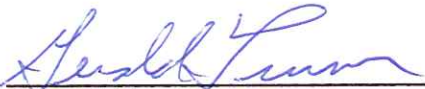
The City Council met in a called meeting on Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Howard Stegall, Gary Hatfield, Gerald Burgess and Raymond Pruitt. Howard Dunn was absent.

One bid was received from DuBerry Drilling Company. After much discussion it was decided not to take any action.

No action was taken in the Executive Session.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

February 28, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a called meeting on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Howard Dunn, Howard Stegall, Gary Hatfield. Gerald Burgess and Raymond Pruitt were absent.

Howard Stegall made a motion to proceed with a test well in the west part of town. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Dunn made a motion to proceed with installation of additional water line on the First Monday Grounds with Travis and Hackney paying for the cost of the line on their property. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

No action was taken in the Executive Session.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary


March 5, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a called meeting on Monday at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Howard Stegall, Gary Hatfield, Gerald Burgess and Howard Dunn. Raymond Pruitt was absent. Also present was Attorney Bob Bartlett.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to purchase the 3.17 acres of land at the artesian well sight for \$8,500. Motion was seconded by Howard Stegall. All in favor.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

March 20, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Howard Dunn. Gary Hatfield was absent.

Minutes were read and approved with the following correction to the minutes of February 22, 1979.

One bid on the water well was received from DuBerry Drilling Company. After much discussion it was decided not to take any action.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Howard Stegall made a motion to send a registered letter to the VFW indicating all material not removed by April 1, 1979, from the old city lake property would become the property of the City. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Danny Rogers, Billy Montgomery and Don Haley met with the Council requesting funds for the Canton Youth Recreation Association.

Howard Stegall made a motion to give the CYRA \$6,000 to be made in three installments. Motion was seconded by Gerald Burgess. All in favor.

Jan Floyd, Harvey Fincher and Dr. Davis, representing the Humane Society, met with the Council asking them to endorse an ordinance recently approved by the County Commissioners.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Era Electric requested a right-of-way easement from the City to erect a power line on city property east of Chester Ogletree's.

Howard Dunn made a motion authorizing Gerald Turner to contact New Era Electric regarding payment and grant easement. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilmen discussed a new sewer treatment plant. It was suggested that a letter be mailed to each engineering firm who contacts the City regarding construction of a new sewer treatment plant thanking them for their interest, and if selected they will be contacted.

In discussing use of the ball park, Billy Jack Peace, Jr. suggested the City ask for one-fourth gross receipts from ball tournaments.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to this effect. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.


The Council authorized Gerald Turner to advertise for a man and wife team to operate the concession stand at the City Lake Park and clean park area.

The Council also discussed lighting and the boat ramp at the new city lake.

Meeting was adjourned to the Executive Session.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

April 17, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Gerald Burgess, Howard Stegall, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

A canvass of the election was held. Motion was made by Howard Dunn and seconded by Raymond Pruitt that the results of the election be made official. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr.	232
Gary Hatfield	162
Jimmy Matthews	176
Ferman Barrentine	121
Henry Lewis	2 write in

A total of 246 ballots were cast.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Jimmy Matthews were sworn in as the new Mayor and Councilman by City Secretary, Gerald Turner. Gary Hatfield also received the Oath of Office as returning Councilman.

Mayor Peace presented plaques to the outgoing Mayor and Councilman in appreciation of their service. Gifts were also presented to Mr. Lewis and Mr. Dunn from the office employees.

The Council rejected the offer from Texas Power and Light of \$10,000 to set light poles and guard lights at the new city lake.

Gerald Turner was authorized to send letter to Texas Power and Light regarding the City setting light poles and guard lights at the new city lake and Texas Power and Light setting the meter.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to accept the 1979 budget as presented to the Council with one change to be made in the General Operating Fund.

Take \$5,000 from the figure allocated for police cars and placing this in the street fund. Purchase one police car this year and one the following year.

Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to send a letter to the Texas Parks and Wildlife rejecting the grant for a boat ramp at the new city lake. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Peace authorized Gerald Turner to place signs at swimming area and entrance of city park to "Swim At Own Risk" and "No Life Guard On Duty".

Gerald Turner was advised to advertise for bids on concrete picnic tables.

A motion was made by Gerald Burgess to advertise for bids on a motor grader. Motion seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 per month on improvements on the First Monday Grounds. Motion seconded by Jimmy Matthews. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

The Council will offer a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone destroying city property.

Mayor Peace assigned the following responsibilities to each Councilman:

Gerald Burgess - First Monday & City Dump
Howard Stegall - City Office & Water & Sewer
Raymond Pruitt - Police Department & Park & Recreation
Jimmy Matthews - Fire Department
Gary Hatfield - Streets

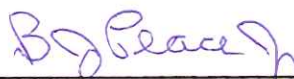
Employee salary increases were discussed. A motion was made by Jimmy Matthews and seconded by Howard Stegall to the following salary increases. All in favor.

All salaried employees should receive a 10% increase
Mr. Cross & Clint Turner - \$.50 an hour
Mrs. Janes & Birdie Porter - \$.50 an hour
Mr. Stone - \$.25 an hour
All other hourly employees to \$2.90 an hour
Gilmer Coil's First Monday salary will increase \$25 a month
Donna Sanford - \$.45 an hour
Linda Ham - \$.40 an hour

The Councilmen met in open session and a motion was made by Raymond Pruitt, seconded by Howard Stegall to hold an election for a 1% City Sales Tax in July. Also on the ballot will be a referendum concerning curb and guttering. All in favor.


Raymond Pruitt made a motion to advertise for bids on a police car. Motion seconded by Jimmy Matthews. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

May 15, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Gerald Burgess, Howard Stegall, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

A motion was made by Raymond Pruitt to elect Gary Hatfield as Mayor Pro Tem. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

Several residents met with the Council to discuss flooding problems. Mr. Periman requested that ditches be cleaned out at Woodland and Wildwood to eliminate water problems at his residence. Maxie Turner, Mr. Rowan and Mr. LeNoir asked that problems on Oak, Judy Lane, Stacey and Hilliard Drive be corrected as soon as possible.

Mayor Peace instructed Gerald Turner to contact Mr. W. W. Potter of the Texas Highway Department in Tyler for assistance in correcting problems on Oak and Highway 198.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to contact Kenneth Williams, CPA of Quitman, Texas to make an annual audit. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Many residents were present for the discussion of the 1% City Sales Tax. The councilmen indicated that if this did pass, the money would be used for street repair. August 11, 1979 will probably be the date for the election.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to purchase a load of premix to be used on street repair. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to contact Ferman Barrentine, Sherman Mabry and J. W. Terry to serve on the Board of Equalization. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

There were no bids received on a motor grader or picnic tables.

One bid was opened from Canton Motors for a police car. The Council felt this should be tabled at this time.

Howard Stegall made a motion to lay additional water lines on West College. Residents requesting this line will be responsible for all material plus a fire plug to be installed at the time the line is laid with residents responsible for cost. The City will lay the line in their spare time. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council will submit a bid of \$725 for purchase of a rescue unit for the Fire Department.

Gerald Burgess reported on the white rock being used on the First Monday Grounds for street repair.

Howard Stegall made a motion to advertise for bids to sell a three wheel vehicle, copy machine and cash register. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to increase the First Monday salary of Glenn Goodson \$25. Motion seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

June 19, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Gary Hatfield, Howard Stegall, Raymond Pruitt, Gerald Burgess and Jimmy Matthews.

Minutes were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

James Lovell and Milford Smith of the U. S. Corp of Engineers met with the Council to discuss Dry Creek. According to the gentlemen, funding will not be available until October, 1979, and the study will take approximately eighteen months to determine if there is enough damage in this area to warrant further study.

Maxie Turner met with the Council to discuss the water situation at the Intersection of Etheridge Road and Highway 198.

It was the Council's decision to contact Mr. Potter of the Highway Department to ask for his assistance in correcting this water drainage problem.

Residents from the Lazy U Street area met with the Council to discuss the problem they are having with dogs.

The Council instructed Mr. Turner to contact the owner of the dog by mail and send a copy of the City Ordinance.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the First Monday Monthly newspaper which the City publishes each month.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to continue the paper. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to name the new city park Ye Olde City Park. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Matthews. All in favor.

Gerald Turner gave a report on the upcoming dedication festivities to be held at Ye Olde City Park on July 4, 1979. Hot dogs will be featured at \$.15 and pepsi for only \$.05. There will be a soft ball tournament.

There was some discussion regarding the County Parking Lot as to whether the City continue to operate as in the past or to let organizations throughout the county use this lot during First Monday weekends.

Gerald Turner was advised to contact Judge Ray indicating that the City would release the responsibility of this lot if organizations other than the school and local organizations were to be using this lot in the future.

The discussion of taxing automobiles on the tax roll was tabled until the Council could meet on June 28.

The Chamber of Commerce requested that the City place a sirene in the south part of the City. This was tabled until figures as to cost could be presented to the Council.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to accept the bid of \$100 from Johnny Higginbotham for the three wheel vehicle. Motion seconded by Gerald Burgess. All in favor.

There was some discussion regarding placing a culvert on the far side of the new city lake for the benefit of fishermen. It was decided that this could not be done at this time.

The Council approved to send B. R. Mahaffey and Jimmy Peace to a special firemen's school to be held at Texas A & M and authorizing \$75 per person depending on the contribution from Farm Bureau.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned to Open Session.

Howard Stegall made a motion to increase the salary of Judge Chili Campbell \$50. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

June 29, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Gary Hatfield, Howard Stegall, Raymond Pruitt, Gerald Burgess and Jimmy Matthews.

Larry Stone and Terry Winn of Kindle, Stone & Associates met with the Council to discuss handling the engineering work on the sewer grant. No action was taken at this time.

Gary Hatfield made a motion authorizing Gerald Turner to advertise for bids on a new motor grader. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to purchase a new cash register. Seconded by Howard Stegall. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to pass a resolution to tax automobiles for this year. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to obtain a copyright of the First Monday name. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Drainage problem on Highway 198 was discussed. No action was taken at this time.


Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned to Open Session.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to increase the salary of Melvin Davis and Jack Thompson \$.50 an hour. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.


Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Gerald Turner
City Secretary

July 17, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Gary Hatfield, Howard Stegall, Raymond Pruitt, Gerald Burgess and Jimmy Matthews.

Minutes were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Gerald Turner was advised to contact Texas Power and Light regarding the cost of guard lights on the First Monday Grounds.

Jim Fuller, representing the Blue Grass Festival, expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Councilmen for the cooperation of the City in regards to the upcoming Blue Grass Festival.

Mr. Fuller extended an invitation to Mayor Peace and the Councilmen to attend the Festival.

James McGehee met with the Council regarding a franchise for cable tv. He was advised to furnish the City with additional information before any decision could be made.

There were several residents present for the discussion of the sales tax. Many questions were asked and it was decided that the City should advertise in the local newspaper.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to call an election for the sales tax on August 11, 1979. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

Kerry Starnes met with the Council advising that he would be contacting the businesses regarding an increase in garbage hauling.

There was some discussion regarding closing the city park at night. No decision was made at this time.

There was some discussion regarding the drainage problem at Oak Street and Highway 198. No decision was made at this time.

Meeting was adjourned to the Executive Session.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

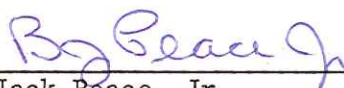
July 27, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Gary Hatfield, Howard Stegall, Raymond Pruitt and Gerald Burgess. Jimmy Matthews was absent.

Gerald Burgess made a motion to employ Kindle, Stone and Associates Engineering Firm to do the engineering work on the sewer plant. Motion was seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.


Raymond Pruitt made a motion that we purchase a used motor grader from Hi-Way Machinery Company for \$13,850 providing it meets the approval of Gerald Burgess and Gerald Turner, and that a resolution be passed authorizing this equipment to be financed at the First National Bank of Canton. Motion seconded by Gerald Burgess. All in favor.

Texas Power and Light made a proposal to install a switch to turn off the guard lights when not being used but that the City would still have to pay all of the charges. Gary Hatfield made a motion to accept the proposal. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

August 21, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Gary Hatfield, Jimmy Matthews, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall and Gerald Burgess.

Minutes were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Raymond White met with the Council asking to lease property from the City to place an office for the Free State Map Company. Mr. White made his proposal for a two year contract, \$35 a month rental fee with his paying for all taping fees and utilities.

This was tabled at this time with the Council to give Mr. White an answer on their decision the next day.

Terry Winn of Kindle, Stone and Associates met with the Council explaining the need to pass a resolution regarding the sewer plant grant. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Howard Stegall. All in favor.

Howard Stegall made a motion to authorize the Council to pass an ordinance for a special election to be held November 13, 1979, for the adoption of a one percent sales tax. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

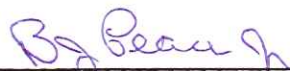
Howard Stegall made a motion to elect Dr. Dan Hilliard as City Health Officer. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to set the tax rate at 33 1/3% for the current tax year. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Maxie Turner met with the Council regarding the drainage problem at Oak Street and Highway 198. Mayor Peace asked that Gerald Turner begin the next day checking several possibilities to try to correct this problem and to contact Mr. Potter of the Texas Highway Department regarding the problem.


The Council voted unanimously to reject the bid received from Glenn Norman of \$305 for the 1976 Plymouth.

Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

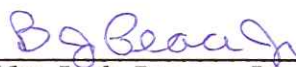
August 23, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a called meeting Thursday, August 23, at 6:30 a.m. with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Raymond Pruitt. Jimmy Matthews and Gary Hatfield were absent.

Raymond White requested to locate an office building within the city limits.


Raymond Pruitt made a motion, seconded by Howard Stegall to grant a variance on the fire limit ordinance and mobil home ordinance to allow this office to be located on the corner of Main and East Tyler. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

September 18, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Jimmy Matthews, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall and Gerald Burgess. Gary Hatfield was absent.

Minutes were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Mr. Carpenter asked the Council if there were any plans for additional work to be done on the soccer field at Billy and Bois D' Arc Streets.

The Council indicated they would fertilize and seed the field.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to quit claim a piece of property located at Highway 64 and Tyler Street back to Katie McCullum. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

A group of ladies met with the Council to request that they be granted standing reservations on Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for four courts and on Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for the next twelve weeks.

The Council agreed for the Wednesday and Friday morning reservations but declined to authorize a standing reservation for the Monday night request.

Dr. Bone asked the Council to please erect a sign at the tennis courts with rules and regulations.

The Council authorized Dr. Bone and Raymond Pruitt to establish the rules and regulations, have the sign made and it would be erected.

Mark Ferguson of Ferguson Communication Corporation made a presentation for cable tv and asked for a fifteen year franchise with the City to receive 1% gross receipts. There was some discussion and then tabled at this time.

John Randall and Bill Dodson requested of the Council sewer facilities on North Highway 19 for a motel. After some discussion, this was tabled with the understanding that the Council would have an answer for the gentlemen the next day.


Ambulance service was discussed; however, it was decided that the Councilmen attend a meeting to be held in Wills Point and then meet with the County Judge to determine what steps should be taken.

Meeting adjourned.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

October 1, 1979
City

October 1, 1979
City of Canton, Texas


The City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Gary Hatfield, Jimmy Matthews, Raymond Pruitt and Howard Stegall. Gerald Burgess was absent.

Bobby Bridwell, representing the Sunshine Girls, met with the Council to see if the City could help in any way to defray the cost of their trip to the Rose Bowl in California.

The Council indicated they would support them in any way they could but at this time the City was not financially able to do so.


There was a discussion regarding the ambulance service and a committee was appointed to study the situation and present a suitable solution for everyone. Committee members appointed were Rick Whitaker, Sam Hilliard, O. E. Warren, Wade Whitaker, Larry Isaacks and B. R. Mahaffey.

Meeting adjourned.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

October 16, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Jimmy Matthews, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Mr. Vaughn Paul met with the Council indicating that trash was still being dumped at Towles and Avenue B.

The Council indicated that a No Dumping sign had been ordered to be placed in the area and that a cable would be stretched across the street.

The request for a street light at Mulberry and Pacific was discussed. The Council requested Mr. Turner to check with Texas Power and Light to determine if this could be corrected.

A representative from Equity National Life Insurance met with the Council requesting permission to sell insurance within the city limits. The Council requested of the representative to ask for written recommendations from at least five cities where they had recently worked.

Lynn Mullen of CATV Systems in Lewisville, Texas made a presentation to the Council for cable tv service with the City to receive 3% gross receipts. There was some discussion and then tabled.

Howard Stegall made a motion to authorize a water line to be laid on Cherry Blossom with all expenses to be paid by residents. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Stegall made a motion to authorize Billy Jack Peace and Gerald Turner to advertise the corrected date for the 1% Sales Tax Election to be November 6, 1979, with Foy Riley, J. W. Terry and Caryle Mae Wallace to work the election. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.


Ambulance service was discussed and tabled.

Meeting adjourned to executive session.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

November 12, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in an emergency called meeting on November 12, 1979, at 6:30 a.m. at Shaw's Restaurant with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Gary Hatfield, Jimmy Matthews, Gerald Burgess and Howard Stegall.

A canvass of the election was held. A motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Gary Hatfield that the results of the election be made official. All in favor.

A total of 421 ballots were cast.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to cast all sixty-six votes for Dr. Hilliard to be placed on the Tax Appraisal Board. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Stegall made a motion to advertise for bids on a new police department and warehouse building. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Jimmy Matthews made a motion to withdraw investments from savings at Athens Federal Savings and Loan and place in the money market. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

There was some discussion regarding a low income housing program. It was decided to check with other cities regarding this program.

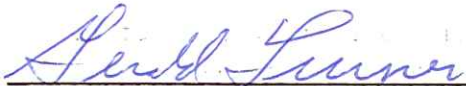
Gerald Burgess made a motion to purchase a load of street patching material. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

November 20, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Jimmy Matthews, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes were read and approved.

Gerald Burgess made a motion to approve the financial statement as given. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Larry Isaacks of Isaacks Ambulance Service met with the Council indicating 610 members had enrolled for ambulance service and emphasized his concern that there was a definite need for two ambulances. Mr. Isaacks also indicated he had been in the ambulance business some twenty days and already had \$900 on the books that had not been collected.

Russell Proctor and C. W. Warren, representatives from a cable tv company out of Houston, Texas, made a presentation for a fifteen year non-exclusive franchise with a completion date within two years and the City to receive 3% of the gross sales. There was some discussion and tabled at this time.

Bobby Sanders met with the Council on behalf of MHRM indicating they would like to purchase two homes within the city limits, 205 Short Street and 1611 Mill Creek Road, to house from eight to ten students at each address and asked the Council to grant a variance to the resolution if needed.

Gerald Burgess made a motion to grant such variance. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dr. Davis, representing the Humane Society, met with the Council to request one or two acres of land for an animal shelter.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to provide two acres of land for the animal shelter to be located at the city dump. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

Jim Fuller asked the Council for permission to hold the Blue Grass Festival on August 22, 23 and 24, 1980, on the First Monday Grounds.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to grant use of the grounds on this date with the City to receive 25% of the gross gate receipts. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Alf Foster made a request of the City to take care of the high weeds and grass at the new city lake property adjoining his property.

The Council agreed to plow a fire hazard lane.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to pay the annual Texas Municipal League Dues of \$342. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

There was some discussion regarding a low income housing project. Mr. Turner reported on additional information from various cities regarding such projects and the Council asked him to notify Mrs. Eubank of information received.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to alter plat of lot 7 of the Briarwood Subdivision. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to executive session.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

December 6, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Jimmy Matthews, Raymond Pruitt, Gerald Burgess and Howard Stegall. Gary Hatfield was absent.

Bids were opened on the police and warehouse building.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to award the bid of \$4,160 for the concrete slab to Lewis Concrete and the building to Red Dot for \$15,000. Jimmy Matthews seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Baker made a request for water connections outside the city limits off of Highway 1255.

Jimmy Matthews made a motion for the City to run the water line at Mr. Baker's expense and Mr. and Mrs. Baker are to sign statement that they are aware of low water pressure. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary

December 18, 1979
City of Canton, Texas

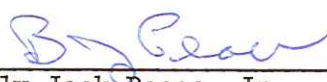
The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Peace presiding. Members present were Jimmy Matthews, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes were read and approved.

Financial report was approved as given.

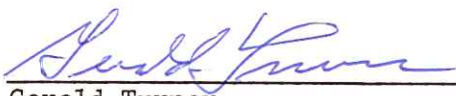
Gerald Burgess made a motion to alter plat of lot 8 of the Briarwood Subdivision. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to executive session.



Billy Jack Peace, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner
City Secretary